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1. THE MADRID NEWSPAPERS EL PAIS AND INFORMACIONES ON JUNE 7 CARRIED ALMOST IDENTICAL ARTICLES PROVIDED BY THE SPANISH NEWS SERVICE CIFRA BUT WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION TO ANY SOURCE. THE EL PAIS STORY IS HEADLINED "UNEASINESS ABOUT NORTHAMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO SPANISH SCIENCE" THE INFORMACIONES STORY, "SPANISH-NORTHAMERICAN AGREEMENTS ON RESEARCH--THE FUNDS ASSIGNED COULD REMAIN IN THE UNITES STATES." THE ESSENCE OF THE STORIES IS THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION DECIDED TO ALLOCATE THE LARGEST PART OF THE ANNUAL PROGRAM FUNDS TO COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND THAT THE US COOPERATORS COULD WIND UP WITH THE LION'S SHARE OF THE GRANTS. COPIES OF THE ARTICLES ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR/WE AND OES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF THAT, WHILE THEY WERE NOT HAPPY WITH THE ARTICLES, THEY WOULD PROBABLY DO NOTHING. THEY AND OTHER EMBASSY SOURCES ASSUME THAT THE STORY WAS PLANTED BY SOMEONE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, WHICH IS KNOWN TO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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